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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD WITH

IMPROVED PERFORMANCE (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows: --METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THIN

FILM MAGNETIC HEAD WITH IMPROVED PERFORMANCE--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, last line, change "inch²" to --inch--.

Page 3, line 5, change "Cross-sectional view by which" to --a cross-sectional

view in which the--;

line 7, after "are" insert --a--;